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Dear Mr Shelford,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST NHS Fife:8214.

Thank you for your request made on 28/04/2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A) for ADHD.

NHS Fife has completed our search for information held in relation to your request and in this case we will be applying an exemption to some of the data.

Exemptions:

Section 12 – Excessive cost of compliance.

Section 17 – Information not held.

Section A

(A1) Does your organisation commission Adult ADHD Assessments? - NHS Fife does not commission ADHD Assessments from external sources.

(A1-i) the organisation or organisations in receipt of commission from you alongside the contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026) - NHS Fife does not commission ADHD Assessments from external sources.

(A2) Does your organisation commission Child ADHD Assessments? - NHS Fife does not commission ADHD Assessments from external sources.

(A2-i) the organisation or organisations in receipt of commission from you alongside the contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and

the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026) - NHS Fife does not commission ADHD Assessments from external sources.

(A3) Does your organisation undertake Adult ADHD Assessments? - Not applicable. NHS Fife undertake adult ADHD assessments as part of core service delivery, not elsewhere commissioned.

(A3-i) the organisation or organisations that have contracted you to provide the ADHD Assessment service alongside the financial contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026). - Not applicable. NHS Fife undertake adult ADHD assessments as part of core service delivery, not elsewhere commissioned.

(A4) Does your organisation undertake Child ADHD Assessments? - Not applicable. NHS Fife undertake adult ADHD assessments as part of core service delivery, not elsewhere commissioned.

(A4-i) the organisation or organisations that have contracted you to provide the ADHD Assessment service alongside the financial contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026) - Not applicable. NHS Fife undertake adult ADHD assessments as part of core service delivery, not elsewhere commissioned.

Section B

Please could you provide the information for the last public sector year (the period covering 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025).

(B1). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

(B2). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

(B3). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request.

NHS Fife does not hold the information requested in a readily identifiable format. Patients referred for adult ADHD assessment are referred under the standard process of all referrals to the NHS Fife Health and Social Care Partnership Mental Health Service.

NHS Fife are unable to obtain this information through electronic means (reasons for referral or assessment). To compile the requested information would require a manual exercise to

extract information from patient records. Once this information had been extracted, verification and analysis of that information would have to be undertaken. It is likely to require at least 666 hours of work to complete this activity. The approximate cost is estimated at 666 hours x £15 = £9,900.00, which exceeds the upper limit of £600.

(B4). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period – 104, ADHD Tier 3.

(B5). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period – 225, ADHD Tier 3.

(B6). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment as of the date of receipt of this FOI request – 246, ADHD Tier3.

Child ADHD assessments are delivered by the multi-disciplinary services of NHS Fife Community Paediatrics Services (Tier 2) and NHS Fife Health and Social Care Partnership Complex and Critical Care Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (Tier 3).

ADHD Tier 2 is provided through Community Paediatric Service. Due to the way the Community Paediatric clinics are structured they are currently unable to differentiate waiting times for specific conditions seen within the service. The overall waiting time within Community Paediatrics averages around 13-16 months (52 - 64 weeks) for all conditions, and this will include young people waiting to be seen within Community Paediatrics for neurodevelopmental issues.

Based on the understanding that ADHD patients make up approximately 70% of the Community Paediatrics caseload, the estimate is approximately 300 children awaiting ADHD assessment (from a total current waiting list of 420).

(B7). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

(B8). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

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NHS Fife are unable to obtain this information through electronic means (reasons for referral or assessment). To compile the requested information would require a manual exercise to extract information from patient records. Once this information had been extracted, verification and analysis of that information would have to be undertaken. It is likely to require at least 666 hours of work to complete this activity. The approximate cost is estimated at 666 hours x £15 = £9,900.00, which exceeds the upper limit of £600.

(B9). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period – 104, ADHD Tier 3.

(B10). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period – NHS Fife does not hold the information requested, as Tier 3 ADHD waiting list is live in the system and is not saved at specific time points.

(B11). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

(B12). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

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NHS Fife are unable to obtain this information through electronic means (reasons for referral or assessment). To compile the requested information would require a manual exercise to extract information from patient records. Once this information had been extracted, verification and analysis of that information would have to be undertaken. It is likely to require at least 666 hours of work to complete this activity. The approximate cost is estimated at 666 hours x £15 = £9,900.00, which exceeds the upper limit of £600.

(B13). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period – 104, ADHD Tier 3.

(B14). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period – NHS Fife does not hold the information requested, as Tier 3 ADHD waiting list is live in the system and is not saved at specific time points.

(B15). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

(B16). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

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(B17). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period – 104, ADHD Tier 3.

(B18). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period – NHS Fife does not hold the information requested, as Tier 3 ADHD waiting list is live in the system and is not saved at specific time points.

Section C

(C1). Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Adult ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector year? – No.

(C1-i) How many Adult ADHD Assessments were paid out under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25) – Not applicable.

(C2-ii) What was the total value of Adult ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25) – Not applicable.

(C2-iii) Please list the organisations you paid out for Adult ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose, alongside the total financial amount paid, and the quantity of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken for the last public sector year (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025) – Not applicable.

(C2). Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Child ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector year? – No.

(C1-i) How many Child ADHD Assessments were paid out under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25) – Not applicable.

(C2-ii) What was the total value of Child ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25) – Not applicable.

(C2-iii) Please list the organisations you paid out for Child ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose, alongside the total financial amount paid, and the quantity of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken for the last public sector year (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025) – Not applicable.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are unhappy with any aspect of how NHS Fife have dealt with your request you can ask us to review the handling of your request. Please write to us specifying the reasons you are seeking a review within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

NHS Fife will undertake a review of our response which will be led by a senior member of staff who is independent from the original response. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Kind Regards,

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